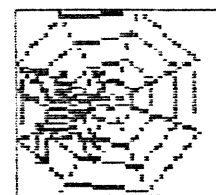


BORIS THE SPIDER

*A Journal of Duplicitous Doings, Raw Power, and
Naked Greed*



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MS NAR RAIDS EAST COAST!

Well, we recently completed a 12-state (and DC), 2-major league ballpark, 15-day whirlwind raid of points north and east. Could easily have included two more states and a province in the itinerary. We saw a Cubs-Reds game in Cincinnati, lots of my relatives in Michigan, and most of a Chisox-Tigers double header in Detroit. We attended AvalonCon with Paul and Lisa Saunders and ran into the likes of Brad Wilson, FlapJack McHugh, the Martins, and the Anchors there. We raided The Wargame Depot in Beltsville, Md. We drove about 2850 miles--something over 48 hrs in the car.

We returned to find the Braves still in 1st place, the grass hideously tall, and 13 of 43 game positions technically NMR--and four more in need of clarification. In case you've wondered about it, here's my method for putting out this rag. As things come in, I enter them into an APPLEWORKS word processor file. When the deadline strikes or when the day's mail arrives (whichever is later), I start calling NMR folk collect. This will usually kill Saturday and half of Sunday. On Sunday, I break the big file into smaller ones and feed them into GRAPHICWRITER III, do some of the fancy stuff, and wait for the call backs. Generally, this forces me into a Monday night press run (or maybe later). The last two months I was able to take two hours leave and get the issues run off, labeled, and mailed in the morning. The copy company now opens later, so this should get out early Wednesday. If the few chronically late players could get their orders in on time (HINT, HINT), things might go more smoothly and I can shorten the turnaround. Anyway, I then update the AW file off the printed copy, load it into the modem program's copy buffer, add carriage returns after each line and insert spaces on each blank line, save the file, and then send it over GENIE and INET.

BORIS'S BBS

Thought for the Season: The only admissible result of warfare is victory.
--Gen George S. Patton, Jr.

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's BORIS Eagle Eye award goes to Dan Farrow for his KREMLIN corrections.

Congratulations go out to Ken Mikolaj (KREMLIN) for his upcoming nuptials.

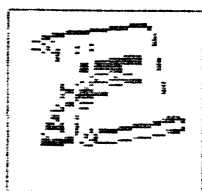
Birthday Greetings go out to Don Patrick (BORIS IV & V) on his recent 42nd birthday. Also heartfelt Sympathy on the recent passing of his father.

Especial congratulations go to Paul Saunders (BORIS IV, KREMLIN, DUNE) for his victory in the DUNE tourney at AvalonCon.

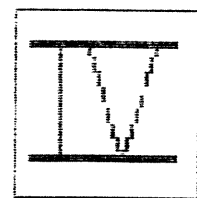
This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award goes to the author of the "Frog Exterminator" classified in BORIS V (p 12). Honorable Mention goes to Sir Jordan for his MAGIC REALM poem (p 9).

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb this month goes to Don Patrick for extending the orders deadline by 2.5 days. Tsk. Tsk.

DEADLINE for all games is noon CDT on 5 Sep 92.



ENGLAND BEGINS NORTHERN CAMPAIGN! GERMANY BESIEGED!!



Fall 1902

Germany appears to be the object of AEF aggression as the three Powers tighten their *Einkreisung*. Italy will arrive too late to partake of the feast. England's attempted annexation of Scandinavia is likely to bring the Tsar--and surely the Sultan--in against the allies. Only sharp diplomacy by Berlin to create a crack in the alliance can avert another German disaster next year. Italy may well be the key player here, able to create counterthreats into the weak Austrian underbelly--especially as the growing French naval presence in the Med is such a proximate threat to Italian security.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS (Fryling): A Gal-Sil, A Ser S F Gre, A Vie-Boh, F Gre H;
ENG (Shacklett): A Nwy-StP, F Nrg-Nth, F Nth-Hol, [F Ska-Swe];
FRA (Rezzarday): A Bur S A Pic-Bel, A Mar-Pie, A Pic-Bel, A Ruh S ENG F Nth-Hol, F Mid-Wes;
GER (J. Fisher): [A Bel S F Hel-Hol](d), A Ber S A Mun, A Kie S A Mun, A Mun S A Ber, [F Hel-Hol];
ITA (Klausutis): A Apu-Tun, A Tri S AUS A Vie-Boh, F Ion C A Apu-Tun;
RUS (Saunders): [A Boh S A Ukr-Gal](d), A Sev-Ukr, A Sil-War, A Ukr-Gal, [F Bal-Swe], F Rum H;
TUR (Patrick): [A Bul-Gre], F Aeg S A Bul-Gre, [F Con-Bul(sc)], F Smy-Eas.

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed due to lack of legal retreat.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Tri, Vie, Ser, +Gre	(5) Build 1
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, +Hol, +StP	(6) Build 2
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, +Bel	(6) Build 1
GER: Ber, Kie, Mun, -Bel, -Hol	(3) Tear 1
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, +Tun	(4) Build 1
RUS: Mos, Sev, -StP, War, Rum, Swe	(5) Even
TUR: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, -Gre	(4) Even

Due next time will be Winter 1902/03 and Spring 1903 orders.

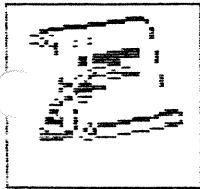
Embassy Beat

LONDON (Whitehall)--In keeping with the promise to protect the Scandinavian peninsula, British forces are bolstering Russian forces in most areas. The General Staff has sent several officers to assist the Russians in Command and Control which the Russians have demonstrated a definite need. Hopefully the aid will be in time to thwart the German menace.

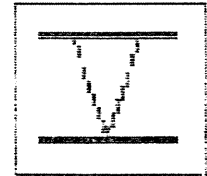
PARIS--With grim determination the combined forces of the French 2nd Division and light tank divisions, the Spanish Blue Division, the Portuguese Cavalier Division, and the highly skilled British Grand Fleet launched a massive assault to dislodge the Huns from the Lowlands. The effort is titanic both fighting-wise and logistically. However, being so close to BUR, the troops always had plenty to drink.

The French fleet cruises the Med to build support in her colonies and with her allies. Captain Gerard of the cruiser *Titus* was quoted as saying, "If we visit one more Spanish port, I will have had enough flowers thrown at me to open a chain of flower shops."

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EMPIRE & REICH RAVISHED! TURKEY INVADED!



FALL 1902

It seems we should add Austria to our list of endangered nations from last time. Indeed, AGT together barely outnumber Tsar Jack's war machine, which will remain the dominant force in the East for the near future. Pope Brad may be forced to prop up the tottering Emperor to prevent becoming Bearfood sooner rather than later. The Sultanate may already be doomed. Meanwhile in the West, France and Germany are busy invading each other whilst perfidious Albion awaits the Lion's share. A Russian build of F STP(nc) would be both justified and antagonizing.

ERRATA: Tur A BUL was destroyed last time due to lack of legal retreat. Boris apologizes for any inconvenience the typo might have engendered.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

AUS (R. Fisher): [A Bud-Tri], [A Bul S F Gre](d), A Vie S A Bud-Tri, [F Gre S A Bul];
 ENG (Morrison): A Yor-Den, F Eng-Bel, F Nth C A Yor-Den, F Nwy-Ska;
 FRA (Langbert): A Mun-Ber, A Pic S ENG F Eng-Bel, A Mar H, F Bre-Mid, F Lyo-Wes, F Por-Spa(sc);
 GER (Ford): A Bur-Gas, A Sil S A Kie-Mun, A Ruh-Bur, A Kie-Mun, [F Bel H](r-???);
 ITA (Wilson): [A Tri S RUS A Rum-Ser], A Tri-Pie, A Ven S A Tri, F Apu-Adr, [F Ion-Gre];
 RUS (Shacklett): A Pru-War, A Rum-Ser, A Ukr-Rum, F Bal S ENG A Yor-Den, F Bla-Con, F Sev-Arm;
 TUR (Patrick): A Ank H, F Aeg S F Con-Bul(sc), F Con-Bul(sc).

Orders in brackets fail; otb = off the board; r-??? = unit is dislodged and must retreat; u = unordered. German F BEL is dislodged and must retreat either otb or to HOL.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUS: Bud, Vie, Gre, -Ser	(3) Even
ENG: Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, +Bel, +Den	(6) Build 2
FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, -Mun, Por, Spa, +Ber	(6) Even
GER: -Ber, Kie, -Bel, -Den, Hol, +Mun	(3) Tear 2*
ITA: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tri, Tun	(5) Even
RUS: Mos, Sev, StP, War, Rum, Swe, +Con, +Ser	(8) Build 2
TUR: Ank, -Con, Smy, Bul	(3) Even

*If Germany retreats F BEL otb, she need tear only 1 unit.

Due next time will be orders for Winter 1902/03 and Spring 1903.

Embassy Beat

VIENNA--The Austrian government issued a strong statement today condemning the Italian occupation of TRI and declared that if these forces do not withdraw immediately that a state of war will exist between Austria and Italy.

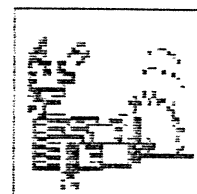
Boris World Press Review

Moscow Aristocrat--Continued fighting in the Serbia-Croatian area has forced the Russian government to dispatch troops to quell the destructive civil war. General Vladimir Coughtroski has commented that his troops can stop the immediate bloodshed, but fears that the deep cultural differences will cause outbreaks of bloodletting until the end of the century.

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CRUELTY IS IN GAME AUDITS FINALLY AGREE PHASE CHANGE!



ERRATA: Chuck Hanna and Boris have done independent audits of the spending thus far and agree on the following figures as of the end of Stock Round 3:

PLAYER STATUS:

Morrison: \$ 67, SVN&R, D&H, M&H, 4 C&O(Prez), 1 B&O
Klausutis: \$ 20, C&SL, C&A, 1 PA, 2 B&O(VP), 3 NYNH&H(VP), 1 C&O
Anchors: \$ 12, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&O(VP), 1 C&O <Priority>
Hanna: \$ 99, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A100	0	0	n/a	\$660	22	2
NYNH&H	D76	0	0	n/a	\$310	222	0
C&O	C82	0	4	\$82	\$820	-	3
PA	---	0	9	???	---	-	-

Bank has \$10,012.

OPERATING ROUND 3:

Private company income: Morrison collects $\$5+15+20 = \40 ; Klausutis collects $\$10+25 = \35 .

B&O: Lays Tile #57 in J14(ne) ($\$660-80 = \580). Run I15-H16 (\$50), I15-J14 (\$50). Pay dividend (WM \$10, TJK \$20, JMA \$20, CCH \$50); price goes to A112.

C&O: Places free token on F6. Lays Tile #9 in G5(ne). No runs, hence no dividend, hence stock slips to C76. Buys 2- and 3-train ($\$820-80-180 = \560)! Phase change occurs; green tiles become available.

NYNH&H: Upgrades NY ($\$310-80 = \230). Runs G19N-F20 (\$70), F20-F22 (\$30), and F22-F24(\$30). Pay dividend (TJK \$39, JMA \$78, CCH \$13); price moves to D82. Buys 3-train ($\$230-180 = \50).

STOCK ROUND 4:

Anchors (\$110) passes.

Hanna (\$162) passes.

Morrison buys 1 C&O ($\$117-82 = \35).

Klausutis buys 1 C&O ($\$114-82 = \32).

Anchors (\$110) passes.

Hanna buys 1 C&O ($\$162-82 = \80).

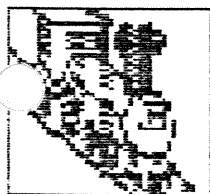
All pass.

B&O and NYNH&H are fully sold, so the latter floats up to C90. Due next time are orders for Operating Rounds 4.1 and 4.2. Morrison will hold the Priority Card. Alternate orders from the VPs are invited in case of NMR by the respective presidents. Remember, green tiles are now available, private companies can be sold to Corporations, and we have two operating rounds between stock rounds.

PLAYER STATUS

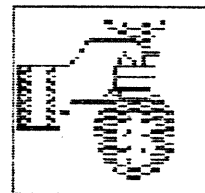
Morrison: \$ 35, SVN&R, D&H, M&H, 5 C&O(Prez), 1 B&O <Priority>
Klausutis: \$ 32, C&SL, C&A, 1 PA, 2 B&O(VP), 3 NYNH&H(VP), 2 C&O

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GREED IS GOOD

OPERATIONS BEGIN!
KUNTZ STARTS PA



OPERATING ROUND 1

Private Companies pay Zieske \$15, Morrison \$5+20=\$25, Bliss \$10, Kuntz \$25, and Puffenberger \$30.

B&O: Lays Token in I15. Plays Tile #7 in I17(w) (\$1000-80 = \$920). No run, so stock slips to A90. Buys three 2-trains (\$920-240 = \$680); B&Opc is closed.

NYNH&H: Lays Token in G19(N). Lays Tile #1 in F20(sw). No run, so stock slips to B82, Buys three 2-trains (\$900-240 = \$660).

STOCK ROUND 2

Zieske (\$75) passes.

Morrison buys 1 B&O (\$295-100 = \$195).

Bliss (\$10) passes.

Kuntz buys Prez share of the PA, setting par at \$76(\$245-152 = \$93).

Puffenberger buys 1 B&O (\$100-100 = \$0).

Chinnery (\$0) & Zieske pass.

Morrison buys 1 B&O (\$195-100 = \$95), B&O sold out.

Bliss passes.

Kuntz buys 1 PA (\$93-76 = \$17).

Puffenberger, Chinnery & Zieske pass.

Morrison buys 1 NYNH&H (\$95-90 = \$5).

All pass.

Bliss has the priority for the third stock round. Due next time are orders for Operating Round 2 (remember to collect your private company income!) and Stock Round 3.

PLAYER STATUS:

Zieske: \$ 75, D&H, 3 NYNH&H(VP)
Morrison: \$ 5, SVN&R, M&H, 2 B&O, 1 NYNH&H
Bliss: \$ 10, C&SL, 4 NYNH&H(Prez) <PRIORITY>
Kuntz: \$ 17, C&A, 3 PA(Prez)
Puffenberger: \$ 0, 4 B&O(VP)
Chinnery: \$ 0, 4 B&O(Prez)

CORPORATION STATUS:

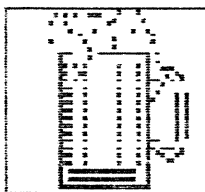
Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A90	0	0	n/a	\$ 680	222	2
NYNH&H	B82	0	0	n/a	\$ 660	222	1
PA	D76	0	7	\$76	---	-	4

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 3333344445556666DDDDDD

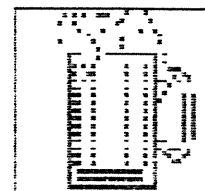
The Bank has \$10,553.

PRESS:

TRC announces formation of the Baltimore and Ohio with inaugural passenger service scheduled
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1835



MINORS BEGIN OPERATIONS PFALZBAHNEN STILL ORPHANED

OPERATING ROUND 1

Privates pay RE (5M+10 = 15M), DC (20M), & JB (25M+30 = 55M)

- #1: Place token. Lay Tile #202 in H2(sw). No runs. Buy 2-train (80M-80 = 0M)
- #2: Place token. Lay Tile #8 in E17(e). No run. No purchase.
- #3: Place token. Lay Tile #57 in F14(W). No run. Buy 2-train (80M-80 = 0M)
- #4: Place token. Lay Tile #57 in G5(sw). No run. Buy two 2-trains (160M-160 = 0)
- #5: Place token. Lay Tile #8 in D18(se). No run. Buy 2-train (80M-80 = 0M)
- #6: Place token. Lay Tile #9 in B10(se). No run. Buy 2-train (80M-80 = 0M)

STOCK ROUND 2

All pass.

OPERATING ROUND 2

Privates pay RE (5M+10 = 15M), DC (20M), & JB (25M+30 = 55M)

PLAYER STATUS:

Chuck Hanna: 75M, #1, #4, #5, #6.
 Rick Egvedt: 101M, NF, OB, 4 BY(Dir) <Der Zug>
 Don Chinnery: 245M, L-D, #3, 2 SX(Dir)
 John Butitta: 125M, #2, Braun, Hann

Orders for the continuation of Operating Round 2, Stock Round 3, and, why the heck not, OR 3, are due next time. Note that the BY still hasn't floated. Because Optional Rule 2 is in effect, the price of the Pfalzbahnen (PB) drops to 120M. The Player Status above already includes your private company income for OR2. Rick retains *der Zug*. Remember, the PB must be sold before the rest of the BY and SX shares become available! Both Don and John will have *das Geld* to snag the PB next time. Will John do it?

CORPORATION STATUS:

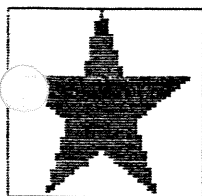
Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1	--				0	2	0
#2	--				170	--	0
#3	--				0	2	0
#4	--				0	22	0
#5	--				0	2	0
#6	--				0	2	0
BY	C92	0	175	92	(368)	--	5
SX	D86	0	8	88	(176)	--	3

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 222,2+2+2+2+,3333,3+3+3+,444,4+,55,5+,66,6+6+6+6+
 The Bank has 10,284M.

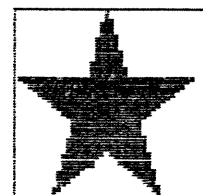
PRESS:

"Der Bahn Co" has been formed to handle investments for the purpose of purchasing, building and operating railroads in Germany. DBC recently purchased private companies Magdeburger-Bahn and Leipzig-Dresdener Bahn and intends to continue their operation under the same name.

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KREMLIN



BADENUFF NEW PARTY CHIEF!
MAJOR SHAKE-UP EXPECTED!

THE CAST

Dan Farrow: Committee of Modern Marxists into Expanding Socialism (COMMIES)
Mike Anchors: Old Red Parts (ORF)
Mark Frueh: Marginal Mechanics Faction (MMF) <1 Wave>
Paul Saunders: Party of Cartographic Socialists (PCS)

Year 2(cont)

Party Chief: <Vacant>
KGB Head: Mischif (I), 73(s); 9 IP (MMF*), 6 IP (COMMIES)
Foreign Minister: Badenuff (X), 54
Defense Minister: Putschnik (Y), 52
Ideology Chief: <Vacant>
Industry Minister: <Vacant>
Economy Minister: Krakemheds (E), 72(s); 4 IP (MMF*)
Sports Minister: Zenjarplan (Q), 60; 3 IP (MMF*)
Candidates: D<4 IP (PCS*)>, F, H, K, M<? 64 2 IP (PCS*)>
People: B, C, G, J, L, O, R, S, T, U, V, W, Z
Siberia: N(67), P(62)
The Kremlin Wall: A

COMMIES play card 59, "Five Year Plan Alteration". MMF loses 1 IP on Krakemheds (E).

Funeral Commission: COMMIES declare 7 IP on X. Boris nominates Y. I votes "NYET"; X abstains; PCS declares 1 IP on Y, votes "DA", E votes "NYET"; COMMIES play 4 IP on Q; Tigran votes "NYET!" Nomination fails, Badenuff ages 1 SP to 55, then nominates Zenjarplan (Q). I, Y, & E vote "NYET", rest abstain. Nomination fails, Badenuff ages 1 SP to 56 and becomes Party Chief.

We will break the action here because the proffered Replacement orders had several procedural errors in them (like having 6 Candidates in 5 slots and promoting the wrong guys by age). Barring a card play, X will wave this year. Due next time are Replacement, Rehabilitation, and Parade Phases. Anybody got more than 7 IP on Badenuff?

Party Chief: Badenuff (X), 56; 7 IP (COMMIES*)
KGB Head: Mischif (I), 73(s); 9 IP (MMF*), 6 IP (COMMIES)
Foreign Minister: <Vacant>
Defense Minister: Putschnik (Y), 52; 1 IP (PCS*)
Ideology Chief: <Vacant>
Industry Minister: <Vacant>
Economy Minister: Krakemheds (E), 72(s); 3 IP (MMF*)
Sports Minister: Zenjarplan (Q), 60; 4 IP (COMMIES*), 3 IP (MMF)
Candidates: D<4 IP (PCS*)>, F, H, K, M<? 64 2 IP (PCS*)>
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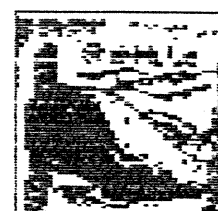
* denotes controlling faction.



DUNE

MIKOLAJ RESIGNS

HARKONNEN & ATREIDES HAVE DUST-UP



Citing an impending state of matrimony, Ken has resigned from the game. Boris and Ms Nar offer their congratulations and hope he'll be back with us once he's accustomed to his new life. Meanwhile Rick Egtvedt has graciously assumed the reins of Harkonnen power, so there is no loss of tempo.

TURN 8

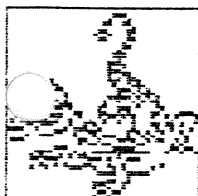
ATREIDES: (Saunders), 2C, 13S, 10T in Arrakeen.
FREMEN: (Morrison), 3C, 10S, 4T in Sietch Tabr, 3T in False Wall South, 5T in The Great Flat, 2T in False Wall West.
GUILD: (R. Fisher), 3C, 3S, 5T in Tuek's Sietch, 3T in Habbanya Ridge Sietch.
HARKONNEN: (Egtvedt), 6C, 4S, 11T in Carthag.
TANKS: A 4T, G 2T

1. The Storm moves from Sector 2 to Sector 4.
2. Spice locations are Cielago North (8) and Habbanya Erg (8). 8S remain in Broken Land.
3. Card 1: A bids 3, G bids 1, H bids 1; A gets card (-3S).
 Card 2: F bids 5, G bids 1, H bids 1; F gets card and has full hand (-5S).
 Card 3: G bids 1, H bids 1; H wins tie break, gets 2C and has full hand (-1S).
 Card 4: G bids 1; G gets card and has full hand (-1S).
 You bought _____.
4. Revival: A revives 2T, G revives 1T.
5. Shipment: F ships 1* to Habbanya Erg, G ships 2T into Cielago North (-2S), A ships 2T to Arrakeen (2S to G), H ships 3T into Carthag (3S to G).
6. Movement: A moves 4T from Arrakeen to Broken Land. F moves 5T from Great Flat to Habbanya Erg. H moves 4T from Carthag to Broken Land.
7. Combat: Atreides 4T vs Harkonnen 4T in Broken Land.
8. Spice Collection: A will collect 2S for Arrakeen; F collects 8S at Habbanya Erg; G collects 1S for Tuek's Sietch and 4S from Cielago North; H will collect 2S for Carthag.
 Winner of the A/H battle will collect whatever he can carry from Broken Land.

We'll halt here since I can't predict how many cards should be available next bidding round. I need battle plans from A & H. The battle plan must include a leader/cheap hero(ine), number of tokens dialed, amount of spice supporting, and whether or not to invoke a traitor if the opportunity arises. Play of treachery cards is optional. Atreides (and anyone intending to play a Truthtrance card) list your options based on possible answers. Of course, A & H may not use spice collected in Phase 8 during the battle. Good luck.

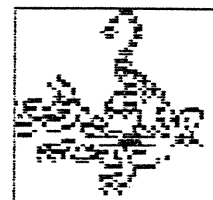
ATREIDES: (Saunders), 3C?, 10S?, 10T in Arrakeen, 4T? in Broken Land.
FREMEN: (Morrison), 4C, 13S, 4T in Sietch Tabr, 3T in False Wall South, 5T & 1* in Habbanya Erg, 2T in False Wall West.
GUILD: (R. Fisher), 4C, 6S, 5T in Tuek's Sietch, 3T in Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 2T in Cielago North.
HARKONNEN: (Egtvedt), 8C?, 2S?, 11T in Carthag, 4T? in Broken Land.
TANKS: A 2T, G 1T

Legend: A = Atreides, C = treachery cards, F = Freemen, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, S = spice, T = tokens, * = Fedaykin, ? = subject to change due to battle



MAGIC REALM

T. Demon Trailing Scitch Captain Avalon Arrives



The Cast

John Butitta: "Moondoggie" the Sorcerer (Bushytail)
 Scott Cameron: "Wulf Ironhelm" the Berserker
 Don Chinnery: "Scitch" the Witch King (Ribit!)
 Dan Farrow: "Woolly" the optional Wizard
 Richard Price: "Sir Jordan" the White Knight
 Jack Shacklett: "Fang Gulfwulf" the Berserker
 Michael Tsuk: "Capt Avalon" the optional Captain

DAY 3

Monster Roll = 3

DAY 3 EVENING: Scitch casts "Broomstick" using MAGIC V2* & BLACK V3*.

DAY 4

Monster Roll = 2

Sir Jordan @ Inn w/R4: H(5,3 = Y), M DW2, M DW3, S(LOC 3,2 = n/e); Dank M, Vault 3

Wulf @ Mt6 w/R6 & R5: M Mt5, M Mt5, M DW5, M DW3

Scitch @ Cr1: R(MAGIC V3*), R(MAGIC V3*), pops PURPLE IV3* to activate TRANSFORM, M CR3, M CR3; Stink M, Lost Castle 1, Cairns 5, Altar 1, Patter 2, Roar 6, Lair 3; T. Demon appears at Altar

Moondoggie @ MW5: Activate "Transform" using PURP 4*, M MW2, M Ru1, M Ru2, M EV4.

Capt Avalon @ Inn: H(6,2 = N), HR Patrol(3 = x4 = N), HR(1 = Opp 4 = x3 = N), HR(1 = Opp 3 = x2 = Y) pay 7 gold and 1 helmet, HR Rogue(1 = Opp 6 = ND); Native Roll Rogues (5,1 = n/e)

Woolly @ Ru1: H(5,2 = Y), M Ru5, M Ru3, R(MAGIC II4*); reveals Ruins C, Patter 5

Fang @ DW5 w/R7: H(6,1 = N), M DW3, S(LOC 5,2 = N), S(LOC 3,1 = n/e)

We have combat possible at DW3 where Sir Jordan is hidden and both Fang and Wulf are unhidden. Those involved are advised to develop orders for all contingencies.

PRESS:

MOONDOGGIE to all: Hey man, it ain't easy being grey. Squeak, Squeak, Dudes.

WULF to all: He's the Berserker, he likes to kill trolls,
 And devour their hearts on sesame rolls.

SIR JORDAN to all: Out of the Valley / And past the Trees.
 Here comes Sir Jordan / Without the Vault keys.

Where did all these old stones and rotten timbers come from? Ralph said there was a good inn here. That must have been years ago. I bet the dancing girls won't be here as well. I hope he fights better than he talks.

GM to Sir Jordan: Please explain to Mary about the collect phone call last time, would you?

GM to all: Rich has sent along the enclosed map of the board. I'd done one too, but his is much nicer (even though he misspelled "BORIS"). Enjoy.

NOTE: Scitch will be on the road. Contact him via Moondoggie.



THE HUNT

Puffenberger Ties for Lead 4th Chase to Begin!



Inspired by Lipton's book, "An Exaltation of Larks", this is a word game where we propose a noun and the players are asked to propose a collective noun to fit, such as "flock" for "sheep", or "pride" for lions. The first player to score 10 points wins six free issues of this rag. The Hunt is run in "Chases" or rounds. We're just finishing our third. Here are the results, fresh from the fields:

CHASE 3

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. games: | board(N), closetful(#), collection(#), convention, fun, shelf(B) |
| 2. locomotives: | load, roundhouse(#/N), route, siding(#), thunder(B) |
| 3. Communists: | column, dustbin(B), gulag(*), loser, party, (r)evolution(L) |
| 4. biologists: | biosphere(N), cell(#), culture(B), diversity, family(L), genus(#), plague |
| 5. UFOs: | astro, mystery(B), sighting(*), swarm, uncountable, visitation(N) |
| 6. frogs: | chorus(B), colony(L), croak(N), Frenchman, knot(L), pond(#),
swampful(#), throat |
| 7. girdles: | cincture(N), constraint(B), hurtle, lace, stretch(*), tight |
| 8. newsmen: | column, hounding(#), plague(B), press(N), rat pack, swarm(#) |
| 9. floppy disks: | bit, cassette(N), cluster, clutter(E), drive, store(*) |
| 10. squirrels: | bullwinkle ¹ , chitter(B), dray(L), nest(N), pack, scurry(L), shitload,
tree(*) |

¹Farrow elaborates, "This is only if you have male squirrels present; if they are all female, it is just a 'winkle'."

* = winner, + = duplicate, # = tie, B = Boris's suggestion, L = Lipton's, N = Ms Nar's suggestion, /N = Ms Nar suggested it too

The score this time: Puffenberger 6, R. Fisher 2.5, Farrow 1, Morrison 0.5.

The score after three Chases, Mike Puffenberger 6.0, Wayne Morrison 6.0, Ron Fisher 5.75, Dan Farrow 4.5, Jim Fryling 3.5, Jack Shacklett 2.25, & Jason Fisher 1.5.

CHASE 4

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|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. imps | 2. crickets | 3. knights | 4. arrows | 5. deacons |
| 6. hats | 7. squires | 8. strippers | 9. freshmen | 10. hunters |

PRESS:

Farrow to GM: By the way, shouldn't I have 3-1/3 points? (slam=1, nucleus=1/2, belt=1/3, tip=1, club=1/2)

GM to Dan: Hmmm, I figure 3.5 as belt scored .5, not .333. Sorry about that.

1835 (Cont)

Expanded passenger service is planned Magdeburg to Berlin area. As cash resources become available further expansion is being planned. Future investments are planned for this area. DBC is not interested in southern Germany areas.

Don Chinnery to all. I will be at Origins/Gen Con in Milwaukee Aug 20-23. Will be staying at Windom with John Butitta and Al Barzender.

On Deck

1930: Bliss, Farrow, Chinnery, Puffenberger & Frueh interested in variant. Alternates Frueh & Tsuk. Need 6 for normal, 1 more for variant.

1935: Zieske signed up. Farrow signed up for variant. Alternates Frueh & Tsuk.

DIPLOMACY: Signed up are Cameron, Frantz, Langbert & McHugh; need 3 more. Alternates Frueh, Langbert, Morrison, Theis, Tsuk, Wilson.

GUNSLINGER: McHugh and Cameron signed up; Anderson possible. Need 2-5 more.

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BORIS IV (cont)

ST PETERSBURG--The Tsar issued a public apology to the Kaiser for the accidental intrusion into Germany by a Russian army. A withdrawal is being attempted.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

Addis Ababba Sun (Ethiopia)--The Russian Consul has reported that the Czar's government is near collapse. Orders sent to the field armies and the navy have been misunderstood and counter-ordered to the point that the forces are at a standstill. The Russian government has made no response to inquiries by the Consul for continued trade, citing more pressing matters. Considering the Ethiopian Brigade assisting the Russian army, the Consul has become quite concerned that those forces must be withdrawn.

Classifieds

Abdul's again presents the machine pistol. Many of our customers have complained that the machine pistols they have received will not operate. We have researched the alleged problems and have discovered that the customers have received exactly what was ordered. Customers should read the fine print. Especially the part where firing pins are sold separately!

Needed person or persons to find a lost French division last seen near the border of France and Switzerland. If found please return them home. Reward for safe return.

BORIS V(cont)**Classifieds**

WANTED: FROG EXTERMINATORS--The Egyptian "Plague of Frogs" has contaminated the European Continent from the shores of Iberia to the Black Forest of Germany. There are two varieties evenly split between the land and the sea. They have a particular fondness for wine and territory. Applications as Head Frog Sticker can be applied for at #12 Wilhelm Strasse, Zurich, Switzerland.

Hey Kaiser--I thought MUN for BUR was a fair trade. How about BEL for PIC?

FOR SALE: Used German army equipment gathered from Flander's Fields, some minor repair needed. Hobnail boots all sizes. Send your order with only a small gold deposit to:

Brussels Surplus and Salvage Sales

P.O. Box 1902

Brussels, Belgium

CRUELTY IS IN (cont)

Anchors: \$110, 6 NYNH&H(Prez), 2 B&O(VP), 1 C&O

Hanna: \$ 80, 5 B&O(Prez), 1 NYNH&H, 1 C&O

CORPORATION STATUS:

Company	Value	Pool	Bank	Par	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	A112	0	0	n/a	\$580	22	2
NYNH&H	D82	0	0	n/a	\$ 50	2223	0
C&O	C76	0	1	\$82	\$560	23	2
PA	---	0	9	???	---	-	-

TRAINS AVAILABLE: 3334444555666DDDDDD

The Bank has \$10,553.

PRESS:

C&O will connect you with the Mississippi River trade! Invest in the future! It's your gateway to huge profits in rare furs and fresh beef. Don't let this golden opportunity pass you by--take stock in the C&O.

B&O Internal Memorandum

To: President
From: Chief Surveyor
Subj: Geography

It has recently come to my attention that the river we just bridged at Washington, DC, is commonly called the Potomac, not the Ohio. Mrs. Watson of the research branch is currently attempting to locate the Ohio River. Perhaps we should be the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad?
-Reginald Lumpkin

GREED IS GOOD (cont)

for next month. We expect to be filling a need for this type of service and as a result a long and profitable future is anticipated. Additional investors are encouraged to sign up and participate in future profits.

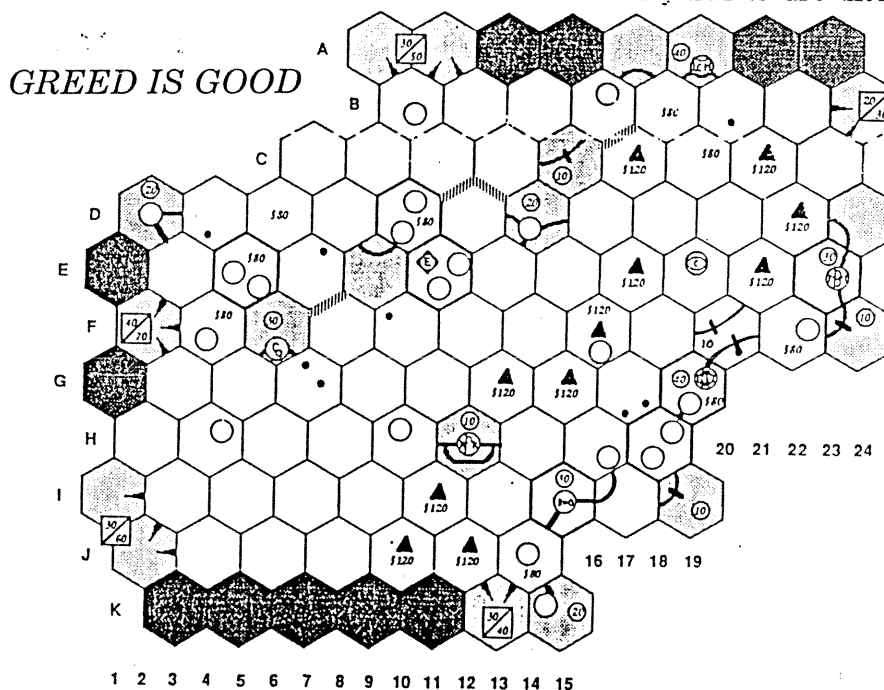
Messrs. J. Bliss and P. Zieske announce the founding and beginning of operations of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company (the "NYNH&H") with the intent of building a transportation system with a lucrative New York to Boston route. The company expects its initial capitalization to allow it to allow it to lay all currently planned trackage (including two major bridges), build an intermediary station in Providence, and enough rolling stock for the foreseeable future. The company also has in the planning stages possible routes to Albany and New Jersey.

BORIS to GK: Your letter dated the 5th was postmarked the 6th and arrived the 10th. How about a phone number to cover future late arrivals?

Don Chinnery to GM and others interested. Well we got it, question now is how long can we retain the presidency?

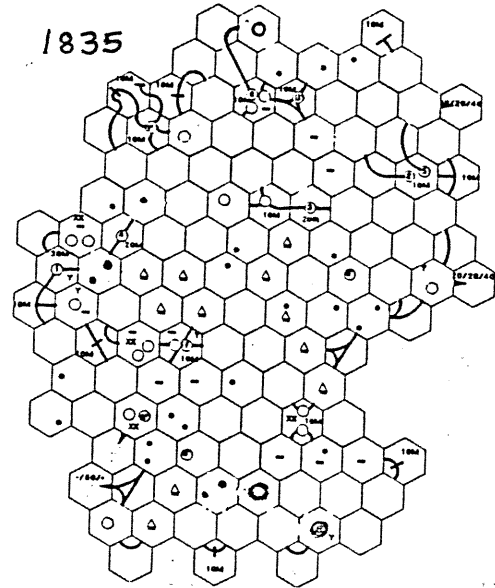
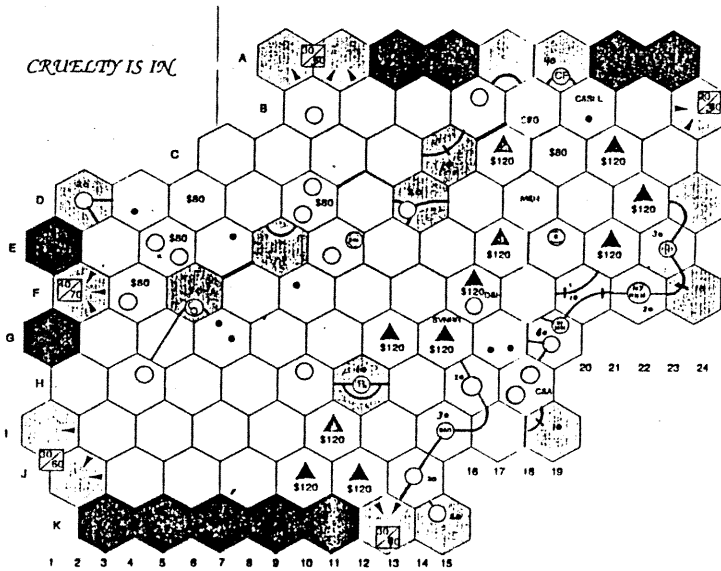
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BORIS to Mark Frueh: Thanks for the alternate orders. Nearly had to use them too!



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